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FYI. In addition to the one Scott forwarded, here's another article that was published earlier in July.

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That's a different article. Here is the direct link and content:

<http://www.jsonline.com/story/opinion/contributors/2017/07/14/change-epas-nonsensical-rule-hurts-sheboygan-county/477819001/>

Curtis, Vebber: Change EPA's nonsensical rule that hurts Sheboygan County

Jake Curtis and Lucas Vebber Published 9:50 a.m. CT July 14, 2017 | Updated 10:04 a.m. CT July 14, 2017

Sheboygan County is home to dynamic companies, many of which contribute significantly to local communities and our state and national economies. As a county that lies along the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan, the county's residents and employers share a love for their environment.

However, for nearly 20 years, the federal Environmental Protection Agency has allowed a poorly placed compliance monitor to unfairly hold Sheboygan County accountable for pollution that is generated elsewhere. The regulations that accompany the accountability required by EPA cost local businesses and create a narrative of a pollution-filled county that deflects those considering relocating to Sheboygan County. Because of an inflexible federal law, there's very little the state or county can do to resolve this situation.

Like Sheboygan, Wisconsin is a leader in manufacturing. It is our state's top employment sector and is responsible for roughly 20% of Wisconsin's total economy. In eastern Wisconsin along Lake Michigan, one will find some of the highest concentrations of manufacturing companies in the nation. From internationally known manufacturers such as Oshkosh Truck to small businesses such as Plymouth Foam, eastern Wisconsin still makes "stuff" and they do it as well as anybody in the world.

Unfortunately, far too often, the main impediment to growth and expansion is government regulations, especially from the federal government. Manufacturers in eastern Wisconsin face the daunting task of complying with onerous federal regulations to obtain the necessary permits to operate, all while key competitors, even within Wisconsin, are not required to do so. Such a scenario puts those who choose to grow a business along the shores of Lake Michigan at a distinct competitive disadvantage.

No regulation has been more nonsensical than the EPA's application of the Clean Air Act's ambient air quality standards for ozone on Sheboygan County. On Sept. 28, the EPA proposed a rule that raises Sheboygan County's ozone nonattainment designation from "marginal" to "moderate." But the EPA made its decision based on an air monitor that detects pollutants generated outside the county, in places such as Chicago and Gary, Ind. A second monitor located north of the downtown and more reflective of the emissions actually generated by Sheboygan businesses would place the county in attainment. It has been ignored by EPA.

The most devastating consequence associated with the redesignation is the direct limitation on growth. Companies in non-attainment areas must offset any new emissions that will result from proposed infrastructure (i.e. a new plant) or a major modification to existing infrastructure by purchasing unused emissions credits from others, or by reducing one's own emissions. Where no offset can be found, a project may not go forward, ultimately resulting in a county like Sheboygan being considered a "No Grow Zone" for new projects requiring an air permit.

The proposed reclassification rule received significant resistance from state and federal lawmakers, the business community that will be directly affected by the proposed rule (or at least more so than they already have by the prior marginal nonattainment designation), and even the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Congress can, and should, act now to provide much-needed flexibility to state and local units of government that simply want to use the most accurate data possible to comply with EPA regulations. Without such action, Sheboygan County (and others) will remain No Grow Zones, despite clean air and a very high quality of life.

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This might be it.

Grothman: Sheboygan County unfairly targeted by EPA

Glenn Grothman, For USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin Published 5:28 p.m. CT July 18, 2017 | Updated 5:43 p.m. CT July 18, 2017

I think we can all agree that it's important we have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink and enjoy, but it's also important that federal agencies display common sense when creating regulations for our air and water.

For decades, Sheboygan County has been locked in a battle with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The county has been unfairly, and incorrectly, held accountable for pollutants coming from outside Wisconsin.

A study clearly shows the emissions are coming from elsewhere, yet the EPA is unwilling to take another look at Sheboygan County's nonattainment designation – a measure of air quality based on acceptable ozone levels.

Sheboygan County's nonattainment designation means that our companies and manufacturers in the area will have to fulfill additional permitting requirements, which include having more federal involvement by the EPA in business decisions. As Sheboygan County competes for jobs with other states and countries, we cannot and should not force local businesses to spend millions unnecessarily.

The Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, along with the Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, last week released an op-ed and report on this same matter that correctly stated: "Companies in non-attainment areas must offset any new emissions that will result from proposed infrastructure (i.e. a new plant) or a major modification to existing infrastructure by purchasing unused emissions credits from others, or by reducing one's own emissions. Where no offset can be found, a project may not go forward, ultimately resulting in a county like Sheboygan being considered a 'No Grow Zone' for new projects requiring an air permit."

In Wisconsin's Sixth District, we have the most manufacturing jobs of any congressional district in the country. It's our lifeblood, and many of our communities would cease to exist without these jobs.

Many of these manufacturers are located in Sheboygan County (manufacturing accounts for 37 percent of jobs in the county), but the EPA's nonattainment designation could force them to relocate, and it certainly discourages other manufacturers from moving to the area. It's simply not right that our manufacturers are acting responsibly, but they – and the community as a whole – are still being punished for emissions coming from areas like Chicago and Indiana.

Additionally, this nonattainment designation hits all residents of Sheboygan County, even those who don't work in manufacturing, through car emissions tests that cost both time and money, especially to middle class families.

This nonattainment designation is so ridiculous that it's brought together a wide variety of groups like the Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, local business owners and federal officials. In fact, Sen. Ron Johnson and I recently signed a letter asking the EPA administrator to make sure that Sheboygan County is no longer unfairly classified with an ozone nonattainment designation.

But additional congressional action is required to prevent this from happening in the future.

Sen. Johnson and I are also sending a letter to the EPA requesting that 1) states, not Washington bureaucrats, determine the proper locations for ozone monitoring sensors; 2) a new distinction inside the current nonattainment status designation is created for counties to avoid penalties if they can scientifically prove that high readings are not being caused by industries in their area; 3) no air monitor placed within two miles of a coastline is designated as a county's only air quality measurement device (ozone pollutants are easily blown over random coastlines after traveling across water); and 4) the EPA averages the readings of two air monitors when one is placed on a coastline and another is placed inland.

These steps will help to ensure that lakeshore counties, like Sheboygan County and others in the Great Lakes-region, are not unfairly targeted by the EPA for misleading ozone level readings.

We're lucky enough to have a beautiful coastline along Lake Michigan, but the EPA's misguided attempts to preserve it are hurting, not helping, the area. With a new administration in the White House, it's time to act. I strongly urge EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to work on resolving this injustice for the good of Sheboygan County and the state of Wisconsin.

U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman is serving his second term representing Wisconsin's 6th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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I could not open the Sheboygan Press article. I'd like to know if it's a response to the editorial last week claiming that the Sheboygan monitor was unfair and harming local business.

The Clips fail to mention yesterday's opinion from the DC Circuit, holding that EPA has not adequately explained why it was using surrogate MACT standards for PCBs, polycyclic organic matter and hexachlorobenzene. Here's the link to the opinion: [https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/B6A06849B327ADE885258161004EFD90/\\$file/15-1246.pdf](https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/B6A06849B327ADE885258161004EFD90/$file/15-1246.pdf).

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 Health Department official: childhood lead poisoning a 'public health crisis'	07/18/2017	Milwaukee Times Weekly - Online	WI	  
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 Landfill likely to close next year	07/18/2017	Celina Daily Standard - Online	OH	  
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